



**REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Application No.        09/744,016  
Filing Date:           May 7, 2001  
Title:                 **METHOD FOR SCREENING OF MODULATORS OF  
CALCINEURIN ACTIVITY**  
  
Inventors:             VOELKEL  
Group Art Unit:        1652  
Examiner:              S. Swope  
Atty Docket No.:      24498

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

*Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on May 19, 2003.
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii.            Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Response and Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Fees**

(The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.

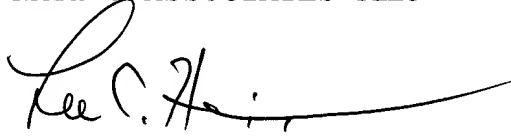
i. ☒ RCE fee of \$385.00 required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e) is enclosed.

ii. ☒ Two-month Extension of time fee of \$210.00 (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) is enclosed.

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

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Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed with a Request for Continuing Examination, and is responsive to the final Office Action dated July 1, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated November 3, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action was set to expire October 1, 2003. A two month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to December 1, 2003.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. Please amend the captioned application as follows: